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PLASMON RESONANCE**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Applicants' Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**

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